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ITEM 2

Progress Report by the Director

This pertains to pending actions and is in the nature of a status report for record purposes.

Papers will be distributed at the meeting for notation.

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ITEM A

A National Psychological Program with respect to Escapees from the Soviet Orbit: Phase B
(PSB D-18a/1)

Summary: Your vote slip approval and that of the Secretary of Defense have been received by the Director of PSB. State Department completed coordination with the exception of one geographic area (German Affairs) which strongly objects to a statement in the paper.

The statement is as follows:

"Within the framework of NSC 86/1: [REDACTED]

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"With due regard for conditions in specific areas: [REDACTED]

"a. Convince the peoples of the Soviet Orbit that escapees will receive asylum and will be assisted in achieving a constructive life in the free world; and to this end enlist the support of governments of the free world."

State will try to resolve its position before the meeting; if they have reservations on this item it will probably come up for discussion at the Board meeting.

CIA staff believes that the saving clause, "with due regard for conditions in specific areas," is flexible enough to permit modulation of the requirement under certain circumstances. The staff does not believe the expression of principle indicated above should be deleted from the paper.

Recommendation: That you adhere to your previous position.

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ITEM B

Summary: The Defense Department vote slip approval has been received by the Director of PSB with a recommendation that the action assignments be deleted; however, approval was not conditioned upon acceptance of this recommendation. Your vote slip approval has been submitted to you for signature. Department of State recommends three changes of action assignments but approves the substantive provisions of the plan.

The CIA staff believes that the Director of PSB should be authorized by the Board to secure this agreement informally among departments and agencies on the action assignments.

Recommendation: That the Director of PSB be authorized to resolve the
reassignment of actions under the three items listed by
the Department of State; that the Board approve the plan with this
stipulation.

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